MINUTES

of the

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

SPRING AND FALL SESSIONS

1929

Compiled and Distributed by
J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer,
PEACHLAND, N. C.

MINUTES

of the

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

SPRING AND FALL SESSIONS

Compiled and Distributed by
J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer,
PEACHLAND, N. C.

Forty-Fifth Spring Session held with the church at Clark's Grove Stanly County, N. C. on Saturday before first Sunday in May,1929. Also of the Ninety-Seventh Annual or Fall Session, held with the church at Mountain Creek, Stanly County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1929.

PROCEEDINGS--SPRING SESSION

Clark's Grove Church, Stanly County, N. C., May 4, 1929

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M., and the Introductory sermon preached by Elder Oscar Broom. Text 3rd verse of 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

At 1 o'clock P. M., ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, visitor from Salem Association. Then Elder Edwards resumed his seat and proceeded in our usual order, as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches which were handed in and read by brethren F. E. Huneycutt and J. M. Taylor acting as reading clerks.

2. By motion re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers and brethren from sister Associations to seats. The following were present and seated with us. From Abbotts Creek, Elders Samuel McMillon, D. P. Broadway, H. S. Williams and brethren C. B. Owen, H. S. Cornelison, Eneas Sikes, B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider, Ransom Garner and J. T. Vanhoy from Salem; Elders C. A. Davis, A. G. Morton and brethren J. H. Broadway, B. J. Snider and brother Gourley.

4. Appointed brethren Sam Rimmer, W. H. Curlee, and Elder J. A. Eudy with moderator and clerk, our arrangement committee.

5. Elected by ballot the following ministers, to wit: Elders C. A. Davis, W. C. Edwards, B. L. Treece and Samuel McMillon to preach at the stand on Sunday. Service to commence at 10 A. M.

6. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator. Service at stand Saturday evening by Elders B. L. Treece and Samuel McMillon.

SUNDAY SERVICES, MAY 5.

Preaching at the stand today, first by Elder C. A. Davis, from first to third verses of 32 chapter of Isaiah, followed by Elder W. C. Edwards from 1st to 3rd verses of 61st chapter of Isaiah. Intermission one hour. Then preaching service continued by Elder B. L. Treece, who preached from this Scripture, "I came not to do mine own will but the will of my Father who sent me," and followed by Elder

Samuel McMillon from the 10th verse of third chapter of Second Timothy and closed by Elder J. A. Eudy from these words, "Who art Thou, Lord?" etc. These services were largely attended and enjoyed, as the preaching was all sound and soul-cheering.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 6.

Met Pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway. Then proceeded to business.

7. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

8. Called roll of messengers, and noted absentees.

9. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

10. Called on corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. Elder W. C. Edwards and others attended the Salem Association and brother J. M. Taylor attended Roaring River and Fishers River Associations and Elder J. A. Eudy and brother M T Harward attended the Mill Branch Association and all reported good and pleasant meetings.

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister Associations to report. Elder C. A. Davis from Salem and Elder H. S. Williams of Abbotts Creek reported peace and harmony. Distributed Minutes from the following sister Associations: Zion, Fishers River, Abbotts Creek, Salem and Boaring River.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. Bro. H. A. Williams reported that Elders W. A. Helms, Oscar Broom and some deacons formed a Presbytery at Concord church on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in March, 1929, and ordained Bro. P. M. Hartsell as a deacon of that church.

13. That we return thanks to God and the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

14. Read and approved above minute.

15. Adjourned in order to time and place mentioned in last Minutes. Benediction by the moderator.

(Preaching at the stand Monday by Elders A. G. Morton, D. P. Broadway and H. S. Williams.

Elder W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator

J. W. JONES, Clerk

Messengers—Spring Session 1929

Bear Creek--Riley Furr, D. C. Page, A. J. Furr
Bethany--By letter
Concord P. M. Hartsell W. M. Whitley, D. M. Whitley
Clark's Grove--G. W. Barbee, W. C. Baucom, Robt. Lee
Crooked Creek--J. B. Hinson, D.L. Williams, H.M. Greene
Deese Chapel M T Harward
Flat Lake--L. F. Craven, D F Haywood, R. B. Craven
High Ridge--Elder W.C. Edwards, Will Helms, J.P.Rushing
Howard's Chapel--M. F. Coble, Arch Carpenter, C. M. Carpenter
Herrin's Grove--Elder D. S. Jones
Jerusalem--W H Gurlee, Wat Helms, C C Curlee
Liberty--J. J. Hill, J. S. Edwards, E. S. Burghes
Liberty Hill--J T Crisco, B. W. Whitley, C. F. Morton
Lawyer's Spring--J. W. Jones, J. C. Dry, F. A. Preslar
Meadow Creek--J. J. Barbee, H. A. Williams
Mount'n Creek--W.P.Almond, Jim Burrus, Eld. B.L.Treece
New Zion--Elder W.A.Helms, S.M.Underwood, M.A.Helms
Pleasant Hill--J. M. Taylor, Sam Rimmer, F. L. Helms
Philadelphia--William Daves, J. N. Jones
Running Creek--E. M. Hatley, J. H. McClure, R.F.Almond
Smith Grove--C. O. Whitley, Jona Morton, J. A. Little.

PROCEEDINGS---FALL SESSION 1929

Mountain Creek Church

Stanly County, North Carolina, Oct. 5, 1929

Assembled in the meeting house at 11 o'clock A. M. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Eudy from 16th to last verse of 4th chap. of 2nd Corinthians. Intermission one hour for dinner.

About 1 o'clock P. M. the ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Praise and prayer service conducted by Elder R. W. Gurganus, a visiting minister. Then proceeded in our usual order Elder Edwards presiding.

1 Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in as called, and read by brethren F. E. Huneycutt and J. M. Taylor, and messengers therein named, seated in council.

2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards, Moderator, and J. W. Jones, clerk.

3. Then on motion, agreed to have our preaching arranged by a committee composed of our clerk and brethren J. H. McClure and H. F. Curlee and request the ministers to try not stand over 30 minutes each, so as to enable us to hear all our visiting ministers during the meeting.

4. Invited messengers from sister Associations to seats. The following present and gladly seated: From Abbotts Creek, Elder Samuel McMillon and brethren B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider and L. A. Wright. From Little River, Elders Everett C. Jones and T. Floyd Adams and brother J. F. Adams. From Salem, brethren J. T. Greer and S. B. Beck. From Fisher's River, Elders J. M. Royal and A B. Key,

5. Invited visiting brethren present from sister Associations to seats. The following present and welcomed: From Abbotts Creek, Elders D. P. Broadway, H.S. Williams and Licentiates John D. Jones and Eneas Sikes and brethren R. E. Bryant, H. T. Tucker, W. P. Williams, R. L. Mabe, W. E. Boroughs, B. J. Snider, P. H. Young, Ransom Garner, Math. Mabe, Jacob Morgan,

C. B. Owen, R. F. Strange and J. H. W. Wilson. From Salem, Brethren John Broadway, Tom Safley and E. D. Tate. From White Oak, Elders Isaac Jones, E. F. Pollard and R. W. Gurganus, and brother W. S. Shepherd. From Little River, brother H. A. Johnson. From Zion, Elders J. F. Fulk and W. C. Brooks. From Roaring River, Elder M. P. Spencer. From Upper Country Line, Elder O. J. Denny. From Indian Creek, Elder S J Priddy and brother C. H. Corell.

6. Appointed as our committee of arrangements—Elder B. L. Treece and brethren J. J. Hill and J. M. Taylor together with moderator and clerk.

7. Appointed as our finance committee, Elder B. L. Treece and brethren H. F. Curlee and J. M. Taylor.

8. Adjourned to half past 9 o'clock Monday morning. Preaching at stand Saturday evening by Elders J. M. Royal, Everette C. Jones and M. P. Spencer. Bendiction by the moderator.

SUNDAY SERVICES, Oct. 6

With pleasant open weather Sunday, the congregation was large and service commenced at 10 A. M., and the ministers preached in the order as arranged by the preaching committee, as follows: 1st, by Elder E. F. Pollard from 4th chap. of 2nd Timothy. "I charge thee, therefore, preach the word." 2nd, by Elder Isaac Jones from the words, "Salvation is by the grace of God." 3rd, by Elder O. J. Denny from the 24th to 27th verses of 5th chap. of St. John, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." 4th, by Elder R. W. Gurganus, from 1st to 6th verses of 2nd chapter of Ephesians, "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein time past ye walked according to the prince of the power of the air," etc.

Intermission one hour for dinner. Then evening services conducted as follows: 5th, by Elder S. J. Priddy from 18th to 20th verses of second chapter of Ephesians, "For through

him we have access by one spirit unto the Father," etc. 6th. By Elder T. Floyd Adams from 6th verse of 21st chapter of St. John. "And He said unto them, cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find," etc. 7th. By Elder J. F. Fulk from these words of Scripture, "Without me ye can do nothing," etc. 8th. By Elder Samuel McMillon from 5th to 6th verses of 11th chap. of Romans "Even so at this present time also, there is a remnant according to the election of grace, and if by grace, then is it no more of works, otherwise grace is no more grace," etc. The gospel Bell gave no uncertain sound, but it did seem the Lord was in the place blessing and enabling his ministers to feed the flock of God with spiritual manna direct from the throne of God, speaking comforting words to those who have been regenerated and born of the spirit of God. It seemed a divine benediction to have with us the aged and venerable Elder Isaac Jones and our beloved editor of Zion's Landmark, Elder O. J. Denny, and also the presence of all the dear ministers present was enjoyed and much appreciated.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 7.

Re-convened in the house at half past 9, pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Royal.

9. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees thus (X) and omitted reading Rules of Decorum.

11. Called our corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. The clerk reported that himself, Elder W. C. Edwards, brother J. C. Griffin and others attended the Abbotts Creek Association and were cordially received. Elder W. C. Edwards reported attending the Little River Association, and had pleasant reception indeed. Others failing to attend were excused,

12. Called on corresponding messengers and visitors from sister Associations to report. Brother J. F. Adams from Little River reported peace and wishes to continue our correspondence. Elder Samuel McMillon and brethren Lee Snider and B. I. Harrison spoke pleasantly from Abbotts Creek; brother S. B. Beck spoke good words from Salem. Elder S. J. Priddy, visitor from Indian Creek made a pleasant and brotherly talk.

Elder M. P. Spencer of Roaring River, spoke words of encouragement. Elders W.C. Brooks and A. B. Key and J. M. Royal of Fisher's River made good reports. Elders Isaac Jones, R. W. Gurganus and E. F. Pollard all spoke very feelingly of their reception among us and welcomed a renewal of our former correspondence.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report. The clerk reported that Elders B. L. Treece and Oscar Broom formed a Presbytery on second Sunday in June 1929 at Deese Chapel and ordained brother M. T. Harward a deacon of the church.

14. That we correspond with sister Associations in the following manner. To Abbotts Creek, Elders W. C. Edwards, Oscar Broom and brethren J. W. Jones, J. C. Griffin, and minutes. To Mill Branch, Elder D. S. Jones, Oscar Broom and minutes. To Fisher's River, brethren J. M. Taylor, W. C. Baucom and minutes. To Roaring River, Brethren J. M. Taylor, Sam Rimmer, H. P. Cashion and minutes. To Little River, Elder W. C. Edwards, brother J. C. Griffin and minutes. To Upper Country Line, file of minntes. To Lower Country Line, file of minutes. To Zion, file of minutes. To Mayo, file of minutes. To Staunton River, file of minutes. To White Oak, Elder W. C. Edwards and minutes.

15. Distributed corresponding minutes from Upper Country Line, Lower Country Line and Mill Branch Associations. Others distributed at our last May session.

16. That our next Spring session convene with Deese Chapel church, located in North Wadesboro, Anson County, N.C. commencing Saturday before 1st Sunday in May 1930, and that we appoint Elder Oscar Broom to preach the introductory, Elder B. L. Treece, his alternate, and that the fall or annual session convene with Philadelphia church about 3 miles north from Ellenboro, Rutherford County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before 1st Sunday in Oct., 1930, and that we appoint Elder J. A. Eudy to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. C. Edwards his alternate.

17. Treasurer reports no funds on hand from last year.

18. Finance committee reports sent up this year by the churches---for minute fund and Associational purposes--- $85.80

Private donations for visiting ministers 35.20

Total funds $121.00

19. That our surplus funds be distributed out to our visiting ministers (See 1929 financial statement.

20. That the Clerk serve as Treasurer and transcribe and have 1100 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual and have $15.00 for his services this year.

21. That we return thanks to God for his mercy and many blessings and also thank this chureh and brethren, sisters and friends of the community for their hospitality during this meeting.

22. Read and approved above minutes and adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Service at stand Monday by Elders A. B. Key, W. C. Brooks, H. S. Williams, Samuel McMillon, W. C. Edwards and B. L. Treece. Benediction at the stand by Elder Isaac Jones. Thus closed a most harmonious and good meeting in love and sweet christian fellowship.

Elder W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator, Wingate, N. C.
J. W. JONES, Clerk, Peachland, N. C.

MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION 1929

Bear Creek..A. J. Furr, H. L. Almond, D. C. Page.
Bethany..By letter and contribution.
Crooked Creek..J. B. Hinson, D.L. Williams, L. W. Greene
Clark's Grove..Elder J.A. Eudy, G.W.Barbee, WC.Baucom
Concord P. M. Hartsell W. M. Coley, W. M. Whitley
Deese Chapel M T Harward
Flat Lake O F Haywood, C. T. Dunn, R. B. Craven
High Ridge..Elder W.C. Edwards, J.P.Rushing, W.A.Helms
Howard's Chapel..M. F. Coble, Arch Carpenter, L. J. Harward
Herrin's Grove.. Represented by Elder D.S. Jones & letter
Jerusalem H F. Curlee, W. E. Moore, J. C. Griffin
Liberty J. J. Hill. C. A. Helms, Elder Oscar Broom
Liberty Hill .B. W. Whitley J. T. Crisco, C. F. Morton
Lawyer's Spring..J. W. Jones, F. A. Preslar, N. S. Jones
Meadow Creek H. A. Williams, J. J. Barbee
Mountain Creek..Elder B. L. Treece, W. P. Almond, J C Burris.
Pleasant Hill..J.M. Taylor, Sam Rimmer, F.L. Helms "x."
Philadelphia..Foster Beam, J.N. Jones, "x", W.F. Daves "x"
Running Creek.Elder D.S.Jones, J.H. McClure, R.F.Almond
Smith Grove..C. O. Whitley, A. A. Morton, M. F. Whitley

Absentees marked thus "x"

Annual Table For 1929 Statistics

CHURCHES	By experience and baptism	Rec'd by letter and relation	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek	12		4	5		2	38	4 80
Bethany							2	1 00
Crooked Creek						1	14	3 50
Clark's Grove							18	2 00
Concord	1						20	75
Deese Chapel	1						8	5 75
Flat Lake	1		1				12	3 00
High Ridge							23	6 25
Harward's Chap'l	1	1			1	1	18	3 15
Herrin's Grove	1			3			6	1 00
Jerusalem	2						47	$15
Liberty					3	2	22	5 00
Liberty Hill		3			1		25	5 00
Lawyer's Spring							15	7 00
Meadow Creek	1					1	12	2 00
Mountain Creek					2		11	3 00
New Zion fail Rep't							17	
Pleasant Hill					1	2	21	5 00
Philadelphia							19	6 00
Running Creek	3	3				1	28	4 00
Smith Grove	2						24	2 60
Total	25		5		8		400	
		7		8		10		$85.80

Churches, Clerks and Their Postoffices 1929

		Communion Sunday
Bear Creek—H. L. Almond, route 3, Albemarle, N. C.		1st in August
Bethany—Mrs. Fannie Safley, route 3, Wadesboro, N. C.		3rd in Aug.
Concord—P. M. Hartsell, 169 Duval St., Concord, N. C.		3rd in Aug.
Clark's Grove—G. W. Barbee, Midland	"	2nd in July
Crooked Creek—L. L. Little, route 1, Unionville	"	4th in July
Deese Chapel—Rebecca Howard, Wadesboro,	"	2nd in June
Flat Lake—O. F. Haywood, Mt. Gilead	"	4th in July
High Ridge—Will A. Helms, route 4, Marshville	"	3rd in July
Howard's Chapel—Arch Carpenter, Norwood	"	1st in Sept.
Jerusalem—W. E. Moore, route 5, Marshville	"	2nd in Aug.
Liberty—J. S. Edwards, Wingate	"	1st in July
Liberty Hill—F. E. Honeycutt, route 2, Oakboro	"	4th in Aug.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, route 2, Stanfield	"	3rd in Aug.
Mountain Creek—Mrs. Della Mantooth, Albemarle	"	3rd in July
New Zion—J. P. Whitley, Bosts Mill	"	2nd in June
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, route 1, Barber	"	4th in June
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro	"	4th in Aug.
Running Creek—J.H. Mcclure, route 1, Mt.Pleasant	"	2nd in Aug.
Smith's Grove—Walter Greene, route 1, Oakboro	"	3rd in Sept.
Herrin's Grove—Rufus Herrin, Mt. Pleasant	"	4th in Sept.
Lawyers Spring—5th Sunday, nearest 1st in Aug.		

The above also represents regular stated monthly Conference Meetings on Saturdays before.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Year 1929

Sent up by the churches for Minutes and Associational expenses		$85.80
Private donations for visiting ministers		35.20
Total funds		$121.00
Disbursement—For printing and mailing minutes	$44.00	
Allowance to clerk	15.00	
Distributed to the ministers	62.00	
Total paid out	$121.00	

NAMES & POSTOFFICE ADDRESS Of Our ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder W. C. Edwards	Wingate, N. C.	
" B. L. Treece	Albemarle	"
" J. A. Eudy	Oakboro	"
" D. S. Jones	Oakboro	"
" Will A. Helms, route 7	Concord	"
" Oscar Broom	Monroe	"

Rules of Decorum

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by appelation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

Articles of Faith---Bear Creek Association.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace & glory, and in relative union with the divine word,and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holly Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.